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Frederick County Issues Outdoor Burning Ban

FREDERICK, MD (March 9, 2012) – Effective immediately, a burn ban is in effect in Frederick County until further notice. Frederick County Fire Marshal Michael Dmuchowski issued the burning ban today as a result of the Hazardous Weather Outlook issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). According to the NWS, the combination of gusty winds, low relative humidity, and low fuel moisture this afternoon will enhance the threat for the spread of wildfires.

The ban applies to all outdoor ignition sources, which includes campfires, bonfires, fireworks, leaf, brush, grass, and trash burning, and other similar open incineration. The ban does not affect the use of gas grills.

This ban is a proactive effort noting that fires in the past, in various parts of the region, have spread rapidly with the dry and windy conditions.

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